

AAC Achievements

- Site audits on all municipal facilities
- New standards for disabled parking spaces in the Zoning By-law
- Review of proposed site plans to ensure developments are accessible
- Town of Wasaga Beach adopted guidelines recommended by Accessibility Advisory Committee
- Accessibility awareness session was held for all senior town staff

Accessible Facilities

- The RecPlex & Oakview Hall
- Wasaga Beach Library
- Wasaga Stars Arena
- Oakview Woods Sports Complex
- Chamber of Commerce
- Town Administration Office
- Medical Centre
- Playland Park Washrooms
- Community Policing
- Public Works Office
- Wasaga Distribution Office

AAC Contact

CAO's Office

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Informative Websites

www.wasagabeach.com

www.accesson.ca

www.scapd.on.ca

www.mcass.gov.on.ca



Approximately 1.85 million people in Ontario have disabilities, representing 15.5% of Ontario's population. This number is expected to grow as our population ages.



Accessibility Advisory Committee

Public Information



"Paving the path to a barrier-free community."

What is AAC?

Accessibility Advisory Committee



The committee includes volunteers from the community, some with disabilities, and staff members of the Town.

Objective: to provide guidance and advice to the Town Council and to act as a liaison with individuals, businesses and organizations.

What are Disability Barriers?

A barrier is anything that prevents a person with a disability from fully participating in all aspects of society because of his or her disability.

Types of Barriers

- Physical
- Architectural
- Informational & Communication
- Technological
- Attitudinal
- Policies & Procedures

See www.wasagabeach.com for more information on barriers.

What are Accessibility Standards?

Businesses and organizations that provide goods and services in Ontario will have to meet certain accessibility standards in five important areas.

- Customer Service Standards
- Transportation Standards
- Information & Communication Standards
- Built Environment Standards
- Employment Standards

Why Should Businesses Comply?

It's good for business!

People with disabilities spend over \$25 billion a year in Canada and influence the spending decisions of 12 – 15 million people.

It's the law!

The Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) provides legal guidelines for Ontario to become completely barrier-free.

See www.accessON.com for more information on requirements.

Accessibility is Important

It is important that the same opportunities and advantages are given to all Ontarians. Persons with disabilities represent a large percentage of the marketplace and have much to offer our community. Making Ontario accessible benefits everyone. Taking action to eliminate all barriers will allow us to share our beautiful community with *everyone*, visitors and residents alike.

What can you do?

- Familiarize yourself with new accessibility laws
- Visit informative websites
- Contact the Town for more information on having your business assessed
- Check out Wasaga Beach's Accessibility Plan
- Advise the Committee or Town of any circumstances where a barrier exists

